

Narberth Urban District Council

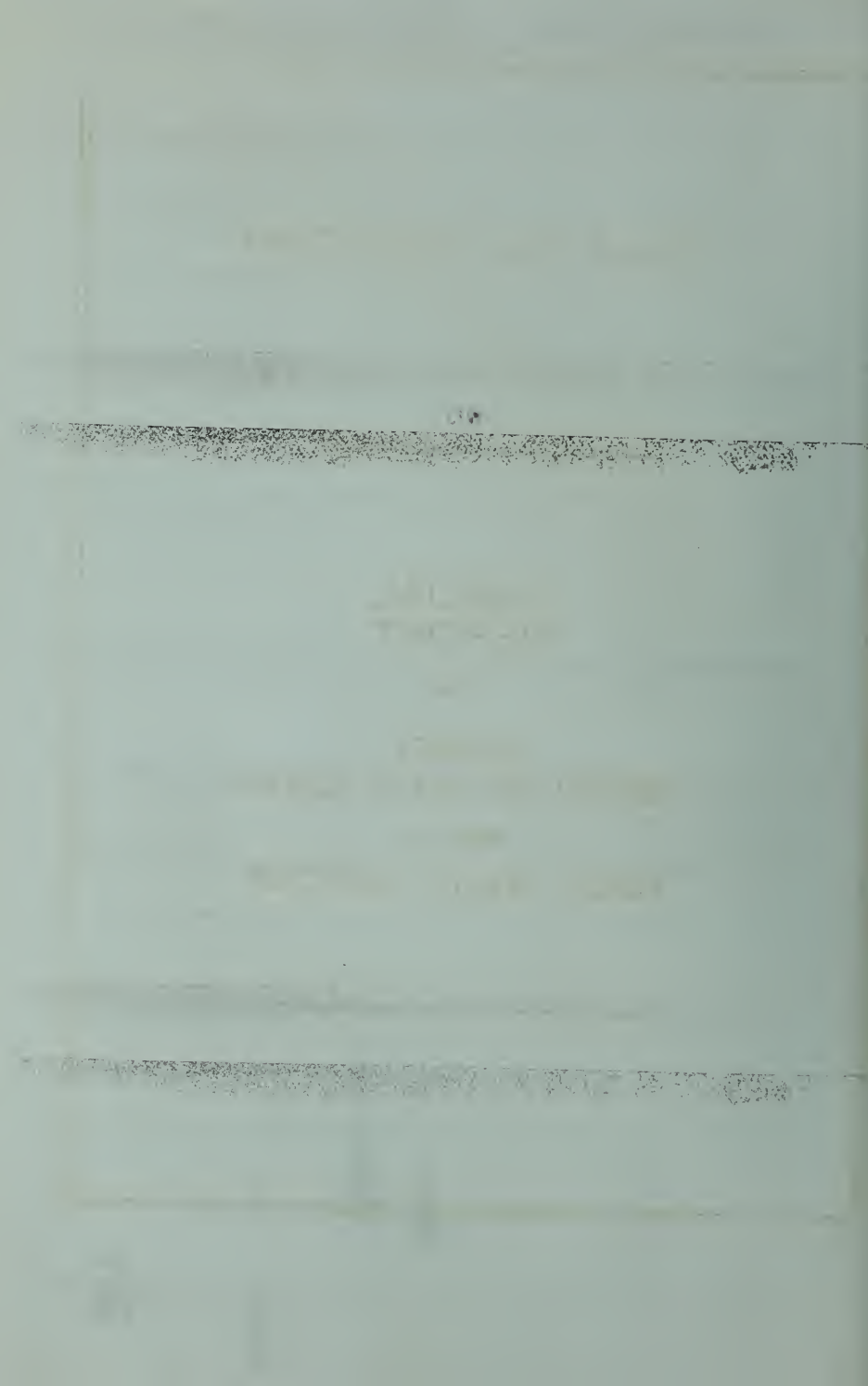
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ANNUAL  
REPORT  
OF THE  
DISTRICT  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
AND THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1973.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Turner and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the health of your district for the year 1973. It is an abbreviated report which has been compiled from available records. The corrected statistics are not received until April or May, but it was necessary, in view of re-organisation, to present this report to the Council before 1st April, 1974.

HOUSING.

The shortage of council housing accommodation in the town continues. Work commenced on the erection of 20 bungalows for elderly people at the end of the year and it is hoped that these will be completed and ready for occupation by the end of August 1974. No other council building of dwellings was carried out but proposals to improve council properties are in hand. A number of improvement grants were approved for private properties during the year.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Water supplies to the Urban District are generally of excellent quality. Pembrokeshire Water Board took a total of 15 water samples from the town during the year and submitted them to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination; all were reported to be satisfactory.

SEWERAGE.

Development in the town of Narberth in recent years has been hampered by inadequate, overloaded disposal works. Progress was made during 1973 on the Narberth West Sewerage Works.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The only infectious diseases notified from your district during the year were 5 cases of measles and 1 case of infective jaundice. As in previous years, a certain number of cases of mild, non-specific enteritis was prevalent in your area, in common with the rest of the County, during the summer holiday season; it is not transmitted by water or food.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council and its Officers for their courtesy and co-operation during the five years I have had the privilege of serving as your Medical Officer of Health.

Yours obediently,

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# V I T A L                      S T A T I S T I C S .

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1973 .... 970

	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D.1973.</u>	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D.1972.</u>
Live Births	19	14
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	19.5	13.5
Still Births	Nil	Nil
Total Live & Still Births	19	14
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1yr)	Nil	Nil
Deaths	29	20
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)	29.9	19.2

## DEATHS. (General)

Of the total 29 deaths, 3 were due to malignant disease and 16 were due to heart disease.

Approximately 20% of the deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years and approximately 59% in persons over 80 years of age.

### Causes of Death.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Diseases of heart and circulatory system:	9	7
Diseases of brain and nervous system:	3	4
Malignant disease (all forms):	1	2
Diseases of respiratory system:	-	3

## NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified to me from your district during 1973 :-

5 Measles  
1 Infective Jaundice.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

No new cases of the disease were notified and no deaths occurred from tuberculosis during the year.

Prevention of Tuberculosis: B.C.G.Vaccination - The annual visit to Narberth County Secondary School was made during the autumn term when 61 pupils (13 year-olds and over) were skin tested and 44 of these were vaccinated. The Chest Physician continues to examine contacts at the Chest Clinic.



NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Local Health Services: Immunisation and vaccination of children under 16 years of age continued during the year at the regular Health Centre sessions and also at school sessions during the Spring and Summer Terms.

The following details relate to all children under 16 years of age in the whole County, who received immunisations and vaccinations during 1973 :-

Diphtheria immunisations:	1,625
Whooping cough immunisations:	1,582
Tetanus immunisations:	1,800
Polio. vaccinations:	1,649
Measles vaccinations:	785
Rubella vaccinations:	808
B.C.G. vaccinations:	913
Booster diphtheria doses:	1,173
Booster Whooping cough doses:	111
Booster tetanus doses:	1,511
Booster Polio. doses:	1,165

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951.

Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

I am pleased to report that no action was necessary in your district under the above Section during the year.

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